

Church and tries to find time for a round of golf. During his many missions abroad, he sets up a web cam to keep in touch with his wife Shannan, his two children, Nickolus and Hillery and his parents Jay and Mary Justice.

One of the benefits of being in service for Kevin is the opportunity to travel to many countries, including the United Arab Emirates, England, Afghanistan, and the Netherlands. While serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, Kevin was awarded the Bronze Star for justifying the need for additional troops and rotating soldiers in the field.

As a member of the Florida National Guard, Kevin has been deployed for many of the hurricanes that have struck Florida's shores, including Andrew, Charlie, Jeanne and Ivan. Kevin served primarily as a liaison for military assistance and was the go to person to acquire supplies. He went to Oakley Fruit Company to request the use of their tankers to provide purified water to dialysis patients.

One of Kevin's highest honors is his membership in the Royal Order of Saint Barbara, an honorary military society of the United States Field Artillery. Both U.S. Marine and Army field artillery, along with their military and civilian supporters, are eligible for membership. The order links field artillerymen of the past and present in a brotherhood of professionalism, selfless service and sacrifice symbolized by Saint Barbara.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Kevin Justice who volunteer to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear to their hearts. While brave men and women like Kevin serve in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

HONORING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST DAVID HAHN-BAKER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, It is my distinct honor to recognize David Hahn-Baker as the 2006 recipient of the Paul MacClennan Environmental Citizen of the Year Award as presented by Eire County Environmental Education Institute. ECEEI has chosen to acknowledge Mr. Hahn-Baker's lifelong commitment to environmental causes, which are deserving of acknowledgement before this chamber.

Mr. Hahn-Baker is the Founder and President of Inside/Out Political Consultants. An independent national consulting firm based in Buffalo, NY, Inside/Out works with national and local organizations across the country to address the intensifying environmental crisis.

Mr. Hahn-Baker's organization has worked with numerous local and national environmental organizations, including: Community Action Organization of Erie County; Earth Day Network; Buffalo Foundation; Tides Foundation; National Religious Partnership for the Environment; American Resources Information Network; EarthShare; League of Conservation Voters; National Wildlife Foundation; Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Greenpeace USA; Southern Organizing Committee.

Mr. Hahn-Baker has also taught graduate and undergraduate classes at the University of Michigan and George Washington University. Additionally, Mr. Hahn-Baker was instrumental in the development of the Environment Health Advisory Network at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Hahn-Baker who has dedicated his professional career to environmental preservation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. David Hahn Baker whom is so richly deserving of this honor.

HONORING MR. ALEX TRUJILLO, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alex Trujillo, who has served for 35 years in the federal government, most recently as the Region VIII Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A personable, thoughtful and caring individual, Mr. Trujillo has worked closely with my office on numerous occasions to ensure that beneficiaries of Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Programs are receiving reliable information from which to base their healthcare decisions.

Under Mr. Trujillo's direction, nearly 92 percent of beneficiaries in Region VIII now have prescription drug coverage. This is a remarkable number of people receiving much needed healthcare coverage, especially in a time of rising prescription drug costs.

Over the past four decades, Medicare has grown to become a critical provider of healthcare services for millions of Americans. More often than not, recipients of Medicare are not fully aware of all of the advantages and health benefits to which they are entitled. Consequently, many beneficiaries pay a higher premium for their healthcare or do not understand where and how they can make savings. One of Alex Trujillo's accomplishments has been his leadership in improving public education about Medicare. During his tenure, Region VIII has measured an increase in responsible healthcare decision-making by beneficiaries that not only provides better quality healthcare, but also utilizes services more efficiently. This is an important accomplishment considering that Region VIII provides services for 3.2 percent of the U.S. population. It is also one of the biggest regions geographically, with a coverage area that stretches from Colorado to Montana, Wyoming, Utah, North Dakota and South Dakota. Mr. Trujillo's attention to rural communities has also been noteworthy.

Following his graduation from college in 1971, Mr. Trujillo entered public service at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For the last 20 years he has worked for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). He gained valuable experience in the Divisions of Medicare and Health Standards and Quality, and also served as the Assistant Regional Inspector General for the Office of Investigations and Office of the Inspec-

tor General. In short, he knows the landscape of these agencies and developed a reputation for exceptional service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation to Alex Trujillo for his record of service in the federal government.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID LAWRENCE, JR.

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, David Lawrence, Jr. is a 20-year veteran of the newspaper business, serving in many capacities including positions as the editor of the Charlotte Observer, the publisher and executive editor of the Detroit Free Press, and the publisher of the Miami Herald which, under his leadership, won five Pulitzer Prizes for investigative reporting, meritorious public service, editorial cartooning and local news reporting.

David Lawrence, Jr. has been awarded eleven honorary doctoral degrees and has received numerous awards for his writing, including the First Amendment Award from the Scripps Howard Foundation and the Inter American Press Association Commentary Award.

After his retirement from The Miami Herald in 1999, David Lawrence, Jr. left the newspaper business entirely and focused his attention on child advocacy and early childhood education initiatives. His service in support of these efforts include his roles as Chairman of the Children's Trust, President of The Early Childhood Initiative, Chairman of the Florida Partnership for School Readiness, Chairman of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Child Protection, and member of the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation and the Foundation for Child Development.

His legacy of education and service to the community will continue at the David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center, a Miami-Dade County Public School for 1,600 students across from the north campus of Florida International University in North Miami, Florida. Mr. Lawrence, Jr.'s work exemplifies the contributions of so many South Floridians who work tirelessly to strengthen our community. My sincerest gratitude to a great journalist, philanthropist and my constituent, David Lawrence, Jr.

RECOGNITION OF DR. DENNIS SPELLMAN

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state for the record how deeply saddened I am by the recent death of Dr. Dennis Spellman.

As President of Lindenwood University in St. Charles Missouri since 1989, Dr. Spellman leaves a legacy of success. His unique leadership style resulted in the tremendous growth of Lindenwood from a small struggling college, to the beautiful sprawling campus of almost 3,500 students (living on campus) that it is today as Lindenwood University.

In my many conversations with Dr. Spellman over the past five and a half years, I was keenly aware of his convictions. He was a man of deep faith and commitment. He was a patriot and a proud American who made his life a reflection of what our forefathers intended in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". His love and concern for the students and faculty under his charge was evident in the vigor and passion with which he approached every issue and hurdle he navigated.

As the Congressman for Missouri's second district, I know I speak for many, especially those in St. Charles County who are the most direct beneficiaries of the many successes of Lindenwood University during Dr. Spellman's tenure, when I say, he will be greatly missed.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS RICHARD HENKES

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Army Sergeant First Class Richard Henkes, who died on September 3, 2006, fighting for our country in Mosul, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Richard Henkes, 32 years old, was killed during combat when a roadside bomb struck his military vehicle. Richard Henkes was assigned to the U.S. Army's C Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Following a family tradition of service in U.S. Armed Forces, Richard Henkes enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1992 and had been serving in Mosul for the past two months. His father served in the Air Force, both grandfathers were in the Army and fought in World War II and a great grandfather fought in World War I. While not serving our country, Richard Henkes enjoyed spending time with his five year-old daughter and had a passion for snowboarding.

I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of soldiers who have died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. These brave Americans lost their lives while making the ultimate sacrifice to serve our country, and I will be forever grateful to them for their courageous spirit.

Richard Henkes gave his life to serve our country and will forever be remembered as a hero, a son, and a father. My deepest condolences go out to his daughter Isabel; his parents Chris and Jim Stanton and Richard and Karen Henkes; his sisters Tamara Henkes Bass, Dana Harmel and Karen Henkes; and his brothers, Mark Holmgren and Paul Stanton. I know Army Sergeant First Class Henkes was proud of his service to the U.S. Army and to our country. He will be missed by his family, fellow soldiers, and all those who knew him and counted him as a friend. I will continue to keep Richard Henkes and his family in my thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE B.D.
KANAN, FORMER KANSAS STATE
SENATOR

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing, on August 7, of former Kansas State Senator B.D. Kanan, of Kansas City, Kansas.

Senator Kanan was born Nov. 26, 1924 to John Walter and Hattie Pearl (Evans) Kanan in Cameron, Missouri. He was a Kansas State Senator from 1988 to 1992 and was the founder and owner of TRAFTEC in Kansas City, Kansas, since 1972. Previously, he had worked as a truck driver for Auto Transport for 19 years. Senator Kanan was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a Teamster and a member of ATSSA for over 32 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister as well as a granddaughter, Heather Lorraine.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Betty Jo; their sons: Bernard, Jr., of Basehor, Kansas, and Walter of Kansas City, Kansas; and their daughters: Donna "Pug" Uzzell of Kansas City, Kansas, Elizabeth "Suzie" Lorraine of Kansas City, Kansas, Mary Michelle Chapman of Seffner, Florida, Karen Martin of Kansas City, Kansas, Jamie Doolittle of Shawnee, Kansas, and Roseanne Smallwood of Fairmont, Kansas, as well as 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, B.D. Kanan was an active, concerned citizen who did much to improve conditions in his home community of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County, particularly with regard to improving the local transportation infrastructure. He served his constituents with honor and integrity as a member of the Kansas State Senate, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly note his passing and to honor his record of public service. I include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article about Senator Kanan's legacy that appeared in the Kansas City Kansan.

[From the Kansas City Kansan]
FORMER STATE SENATOR, BUSINESSMAN B.D.
KANAN, 81, DIES

(By Adam Torres)

Kansas City, Kan., lost a prominent citizen and former state senator this week. Bernard "B.D." Kanan, 81, passed away at his KCK home Monday. Kanan had a heart condition that had been troubling him in recent weeks, according to one of his daughters, Donna "Pug" Uzzell.

For 18 years, Kanan worked as a truck driver. When driving once, he noticed how inconvenient the barricades and construction signs were, Uzzell said. Kanan designed a barricade that was easier to use.

"He got a patent for it and started his company, TRAFFTEC," Uzzell said.

In the 1980s, Kanan started to feel that KCK was not facing certain issues that it should, Uzzell said. He decided to use his own funds to represent the people of KCK and started a "Fight Back" initiative. Through the initiative, Kanan purchased advertising space in The Kansas City Kansan.

"Concerned citizens would write to him about certain issues and he would address them in a 'fight back' ad that he would personally buy," Uzzell said. "He lived his

whole life in KCK and he really cared about the community. It seemed like no one was addressing the citizens." Thus began Kanan's political career, although it wasn't his original intention.

"He really didn't mean for it to get into politics," Uzzell said. Kanan ran for state senate, with the help of his wife of 62 years, Betty Jo, and eight children, and won the election. He served for one term, from 1988 to 1992.

"That was enough for him," Uzzell said. Kanan, a Democrat, ran for the seat against David Haley, who currently holds the seat as a Democrat after losing to Kanan as a Republican. Despite being on opposite sides of the political aisle for a time, Haley said he had a great deal of respect for Kanan.

"I was always impressed with how cordial he was to me," Haley said, "and that was a relationship we shared even after I switched parties." Uzzell said her dad was fair politician who was concerned about the citizens he represented.

"He wasn't bought by lobbyists," Uzzell said. "He didn't go to their cocktail hours."

Former Kansas state representative and current Edwardsville, Kan., City Administrator Doug Spangler said Kanan worked on legislation that improved the highway system throughout the county. "B.D. was instrumental in the passage of the original transportation bill that funded so many improvements in Wyandotte County and the entire state of Kansas," Spangler said.

"He's going to be remembered for his concern for highway safety and for being an advocate for the Kansas highway system," Haley said. "Because of that, we have what is now one of the finest highway systems in this part of the U.S."

Spangler also said Kanan cared about the disadvantaged in Wyandotte County. "Senator Kanan was a very caring and wonderful person who always kept Wyandotte County residents in mind when he voted in the Kansas Senate," Spangler said. "He was always for the underdog and would reach out to help the less fortunate. He had a big heart and to know him was to love him."

Kanan, a member of Christ the King Church and the Knights of Columbus, once bought hundreds of fans to give to those who needed them during a heat wave, Spangler said. He also worked and supported homeless shelters and helped people financially, Uzzell said. "He was quite the person in the community," Uzzell said.

Kanan enjoyed seeing the development in western Wyandotte County over the last few years. He was proud of what is happening in the community, Uzzell said. "He really wanted to take our mother (Kanan's wife of 62 years, Betty Jo) to the Legends (at Village West). He wasn't able to but we promised to do it for him."

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND LOVED
ONES OF VICTIMS OF CRASH OF
COMAIR FLIGHT 5191

SPEECH OF

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague from Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, Ben Chandler, in support of his resolution expressing our deep sorrow and condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones who are